from construction of private houses which would be against the housing policy of the Govt. which is to increase the housing stock. Moreover it would be discriminatory in the sense that the Govt. employees owing houses at places other than their place of posting would continue to be eligible for allotment of Govt. accommodation and those having own houses at place of posting shall have to be declared ineligible.

Amendment in Urban Land ceiling Act

974. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to review or amend the Urban Ceiling Act to allow sick or closed industries to sell their surplus land to raise funds and encourage housing programmes; and

(b) if so, by when such a Bill is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Various proposals for amendments to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act are under consideration of the Government. These amendments *inter alia* provide for development of surplus land for housing purposes, sale of portions of land held by sick or closed industries for implementation of the rehabilitation packages recommended by BIFR.

(b) The amendment proposals would need to be finalised in consultation with the State Governments and hence no specific time frame can be indicated for the introduction of the Bill.

Statue of Mahatma Gandhi at India Gate, Delhi

975. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken about the location for installation of statue of Mahatma Gandhi; and

(b) if so, by when the installation would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The site where statue of Mahatma Gandhi is to be installed has not yet been decided. The likely date of installation can be finalised only after site for installation is decided.

Flats and Bungalows occupied by Ex-Members of Parliament, Former Minister Etc.

976. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of flats and bungalows occupied by unauthorised persons, i.e. ex-Mebmers of Parliament, former Ministers and other from Members of Parliament quota or from Government quota as on 30th June, 1992; and

(b) the amount of rent/damages due from each of the unauthorised occupants mentioned above as on 30th June, 1992; and

(c) the steps Government have so far taken to get the premises vacated from each of these unauthorised occupants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) A statement (I)